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Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Haligonians were taking out umbrellas and putting away patio furniture Wednesday in anticipation of pouring rain over the next couple of days.

Environment Canada expected 50 to 90 millimetres of rain to fall in most of the province through Thursday, with up to 100 millimetres predicted in parts of western and northern Nova Scotia. Flash flooding is also a possibility.

Even cruise ships were rescheduling due to the rain-fall warning, with the Crystal Symphony and Queen Mary 2 both expected to make early arrivals Thursday at about 7 a.m., according to the Halifax Port Authority.

As of early Wednesday evening, no vessels had cancelled their cruise calls for Thursday, when more than 8,200 passengers plus crew members are expected to pull into port to kick off Halifax's busiest part of the season, the authority said.



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Tory calls comment a 'mistake'

POLITICS

Candidate says volunteer responsible for critical posts



Stephanie Taylor
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A Conservative candidate in the Halifax region is in hot water on social media after a comment on his Facebook page instructed a man to "gain some experience in life," and get a degree, in

response to questions on the Tory's economic plan.

A Facebook page for Robert Strickland, running for the Conservatives in the Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook riding, was host to a conversation that started with a question posted by a user named Mitchell Van Oosten last Monday.

Van Oosten asked, 'How will you promote growth in a recession while balancing the budget?' in the comment section below a party ad that boasted a plan of low taxes, a balanced budget and steady growth.

Besides underscoring that the Tories' plan "already has Canada performing at the top



Robert Strickland CONTRIBUTED

of the countries of the world," the user on the candidate's account explained Strickland has a background in international

business and hefty experience in consulting for a variety of entrepreneurs and industries.

A series of lengthy messages were exchanged between the pair, in which Van Oosten asks to see Strickland's LinkedIn profile and more statistical evidence to back up the initial claim on the country's standing.

Van Oosten, who identifies himself as living abroad and considering completing a masters degree, then repeats his initial question asking what the candidate and party will do to improve the economy, protect the environment and support developing nations.

"Well Mitchell, from my per-

spective, which spans residency in 3 countries, work in 5 countries including 8 provinces of Canada and 22 states in the US ... I will wait for you to gain some experience in life," the user on Strickland's page responds.

"Please respond when you have a tenure higher than 1 year at any one employer and perhaps have completed a degree rather than talking about starting one."

By Wednesday evening, that comment had been removed and replaced by a different one.

"Mitchell — after reading over my previous comment I think this better communicates my

beliefs," followed by an explanation on why Canada is the best place live and start a family.

The comment suggests that Van Oosten should travel the world, gain experience and settle back in Canada afterwards.

"Due to the busy nature of campaigning I rely on my volunteers to help with various tasks including doing my social media," Strickland said in an email statement to Metro Halifax.

"One of my volunteers mistakenly posted a comment that was not in my own words and not accurate. I have since posted a comment that better reflects my views."

BETWEEN THE BRIDGES

Tackling 'community issues'

Roseanna Cleveland is one of many Dartmouth North residents striving to make positive changes in the community.

"There's a lot of social issues that take place here," Cleveland said Wednesday at Harbour View Elementary School.

As a result, Cleveland got on board with the Dartmouth North Association, and then the Between the Bridges project.

Between the Bridges recruited community members to gather experiences and ideas from people who live and work in Dartmouth North.

"One of the main community issues we started talking about was the education in our area," Cleveland said. "We have poor education outcomes.

We have almost a 50 per cent dropout rate before they even get to high school."

Education was one of several themes picked up from the community feedback and discussions. Those themes were put on display at two public meetings at the Alfred Street school on Wednesday. Meeting attendees could vote on which issues they felt should take priority — such as crime or mental health.

"There are a lot of people listening and they seem to be doing a very good job," said Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey, who dropped in to the first meeting.

"I think one of the big challenges is housing," she said. "(There are) a lot of people on

social assistance."

Cheyenne Hardy, a Grade 9 student at John Martin Junior High School, said all the themes are important to address. But one in particular stood out to her.

"I think how we treat each other is really important," she said. "It takes time to erase the stigma, but together I know we can do it."

Hardy hopes people will develop a more positive outlook on the area.

"I love the diversity," she said. "I love the people here — and the schools."

The results of Wednesday's meeting will help Between the Bridges start making action plans.

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Dartmouth North residents meet on Wednesday in the Harbour View Elementary School gym to discuss issues and a vision for a thriving future. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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WEAPONS

Cole Harbour teen charged



Haley Ryan
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A teenage boy is facing multiple charges after Halifax police said he pointed an imitation gun at a classmate before jumping out a window,

actions which resulted in a lockdown of multiple schools.

The 15-year-old male from Cole Harbour was charged on Wednesday with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public, use of an imitation firearm in the commission of an offence, and mischief.



Auburn High and two other schools went into lockdown on Tuesday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO

In the incident Tuesday afternoon, Halifax RCMP said officers responded to Auburn Drive High School in response to a student pointing a firearm at another student inside a classroom during a practice lockdown drill.

According to a release, police believed the suspect jumped out a classroom window and ran into the woods next to the school after the incident was reported to school officials.

Auburn High and two other nearby schools, including George Bissett Elementary, went into lockdown as Halifax District RCMP, Halifax police, a K-9 unit and members of the integrated criminal investigation division searched for the suspect.

Police said no one was injured during the incident.

The suspect was found just before 4:30 p.m. and arrested on Forest Hills Parkway.

His backpack and the firearm, a toy cap gun, were found at a residence nearby, police said.

IN BRIEF

Missing teen safely located

Halifax police say a missing 14-year-old Halifax boy has been found.

On Wednesday morning, Halifax Regional Police said Joshua Nelson Sellars had been safely located. He had been seen Sept. 23 in his home on Orange Walk Drive.

Police asked for the public's help in finding him on Monday. METRO

Man gets almost five years for six sex crimes

A 65-year-old Nova Scotia has been sentenced to four years and 351 days in prison for sex crimes dating back to 1976.

The man, whose identity is banned from publication to protect the identity of his victims, pleaded guilty in Amherst provincial court to two counts of in-

decent assault, four counts of sexual assault, one count of committing an act of gross indecency, and one count of sexual touching.

The crimes date back to Jan. 1, 1976, and continued until Dec. 31, 1991, in the Fenwick and Warwick Mountain regions of Nova Scotia.

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Christopher Garnier walks into a Halifax provincial courtroom on Sept. 17. Garnier didn't appear in court on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Accused killer in a 'state of shock'

VIDEO CONFERENCE

Suspect in officer's death back in court in December



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax man accused of slaying an off-duty Truro police officer is in a "state of shock," says his lawyer.

Joel Pink appeared in Halifax provincial court on Wednesday, while his client Chris Calvin Garnier, 27, was broadcast in through video conference from the Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.

Pink requested the case be adjourned until Dec. 15, saying he had only received partial disclosure, but that more is expected.

"Needless to say, he's in a state of shock about this whole situation," Pink said Wednesday when asked by reporters as to his client's state of mind.

"Time will hopefully heal, that's all we can ask."

Garnier has been charged

with second-degree murder and indecent interference with a dead human body in the death of 36-year-old Catherine Campbell.

Pink explained to reporters that neither an autopsy report, nor forensic results have yet been disclosed.

"We need more disclosure in order for us to make a decision on whether or not there will be a preliminary inquiry and what the situation really is," Pink said.

"We don't know very much really about what allegedly happened."

Neither the defence nor

Crown would comment as to the volume either specify the type of disclosure expected.

However, Halifax police spokeswoman Theresa Rath said on Wednesday that "video surveillance certainly formed part of our investigation" but would not say from where it was taken.

Garnier and Campbell were



Joel Pink outside court on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

alleged to have met up at a bar in downtown Halifax on Sept. 11.

Rath said also investigators received "solid information" from the public in response to a plea for witnesses to come forward with knowledge of a man either pushing or pulling a green bin on Agricola, North or Barrington streets in the early morning hours of the day police believe Campbell was murdered.

On Wednesday, Pink said it is undecided whether bail would be sought for Garnier, but is being considered.

The Crown said Garnier's released would be opposed, however, "that is always a decision that can be assessed."



Catherine Campbell

INVESTIGATION

Woman flashed on hiking trail

Halifax police are investigating after a man allegedly flashed a woman while walking along a trail.

Police said a woman was walking on the Mainland Linear Trail near Langbrage

Drive when a man, who was on the side of the path, exposed himself as she walked past on Tuesday around 11:30 a.m.

She contacted police after she left the area.

Police describe the suspect as a young white man between 15 and 25 years old.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact police.

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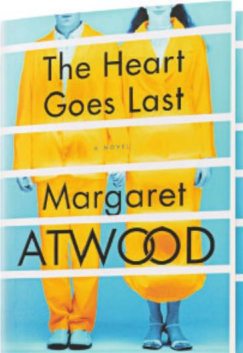
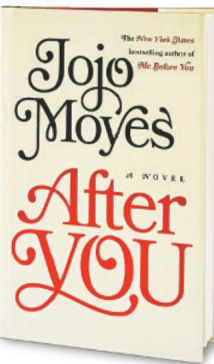
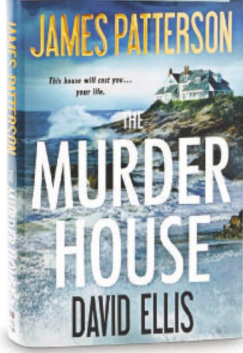
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CULTURE

Fundraiser showcases local chefs, designers



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Warm lights, colourful wall hangings, and the sharp smell of fresh wood signal the final touches on 10 tiny dining rooms in Halifax.

Kicking off Thursday night at the Olympic Community Centre and running until Sunday, Dine by Design East brings together local designers and chefs as a fundraiser for NSCAD University, where the public can check out the small dining rooms as they try hors d'oeuvres inspired by the decor.

"We really keep it a party," organizer and designer Jonathan Legate said about the gala Thursday evening.

Ticket holders can sample



From left: Crystal Cashin, Tenna May Smith and Gina Rogers discuss the final stages of a Perfect Proposal room, which will be part of Dine by Design East at the Olympic Community Hall.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

the food made by local chefs, like lobster sliders and poutine at Legate's Surf 'n' Turf booth, he said, or attend a fashion show Friday and design sem-

inars through the weekend.

The public can also view the booths Saturday and Sunday, and there will be food trucks beside the hall.

Booths like Attica's were taking shape with hand-painted Chinoiserie walls and an intricate teal ceiling on Wednesday.



The designers get to do something that's creative and totally theirs. Which is something that we don't always get to do.

Jonathan Legate, Dine by Design organizer

Other rooms featured a sleek black-and-white modern theme, or nautical touches, while one called Solarium had fall landscapes of trees and fields behind wooden window frames.

"The designers get to do something that's creative and totally theirs," Legate said.

"Which is something that we don't always get to do, we often have a client ... and this is a free-for-all, you can do whatever you want."

When Teena Smith walked into the event last year to volunteer as a Success College interior design student, she immediately knew she needed to be here this year.

"I knew I had to do something really substantial," Smith said, standing next to her "perfect proposal" setting of a romantic dinner on the bow of a ship she constructed

herself — with a little bit of help.

Smith, who said the project took three times as long as she imagined, got donations, friend support and also hired a carpenter to handle the deck of the boat.

"I'm really glad I did it. It was seriously highly stressful ... but it's been great," Smith said with a smile.

The event raises about \$20,000 each year for the Amber Harkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, which grants a full semester's tuition for a design student.

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PUBLIC SPACES

Fort Needham design unveiled

A new design plan will be unveiled for Fort Needham Park in Halifax on Thursday.

Called the Fort Needham Memorial Park Master Plan, the city says it will act as a roadmap for future design in the park, balancing its commemorative significance, which includes a bell tower in memorial of the Halifax Explosion, along with its function as a recreational and open space for the community.

Developing a new plan coincides with the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion in 2017. A presentation of the plan will be taking place at the United Memorial Church on Thursday starting at 7 p.m. METRO



Development of the park is to coincide with the Halifax Explosion's centennial anniversary in 2017. METRO FILE

ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA

Five honoured at ceremony

Five people from varied backgrounds and fields were inducted into the Order of Nova Scotia on Wednesday.

The 2015 recipients Dr. Margaret Macdonald Casey, Louis E. Deveau, Martin Rudy Haase, Sharon Hope Irwin, and Alistair MacLeod were recognized at the 14th ceremony at Province House.

Dr. Casey is a health-care provider, educator and a commun-

ity advocate working to meet the needs of north end Halifax families.

Deveau of Dartmouth founded Acadian Seaplants Ltd., which exports technical marine plant-derived products to over 80 countries.

Haase of Chester is one of the province's longest-serving environmentalists who has fought harmful pesticides, uranium mining and nuclear power.

Irwin has devoted 40 years to ensuring child care is inclusive and affordable in Sydney, while integrating children with visual impairments and cerebral palsy in her daycare.

Famous Cape Breton author Alistair MacLeod was recognized posthumously for his ability to translate the Gaelic language and culture into award-winning novels such as No Great Mischiefs.

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'Engaging on so many levels'

LIVE ART

Eunoia poem comes to life in epic dance performance

Aly Thomson
Backstage Pass

In Christian Bok's poem Eunoia, he says: "Awkward grammar appals a craftsman."

Did you notice anything unusual about that excerpt?

It's from the poem's first chapter, titled "A," which is limited to using words that contain the vowel A. The proceeding chapters follow the same constraints for the other four vowels: E, I, O and U.

Now imagine using those same restrictions in the creation of an interpretive dance. Choreographer Denise Fujiwara has done just that with Eunoia, showing at Sir James Dunn Theatre Thursday until Saturday.

Eunoia is the shortest English word containing all five vowels.

Using the same restrictive thinking that Bok employed for his 112-page poem, Fujiwara spent years choreographing an engaging experimental dance based on the Canadian poet's award-winning work.

For example, in chapter E, the dancers initiate movement from univocalic body parts, like eyes, cheeks, feet and chest.



A scene from the choreographed adaptation of Christian Bok's award-winning Eunoia, which weaves together dance, video, music and costume to delight audiences. CONTRIBUTED

"The use of constraints really changed the way that I approached the choreography," said Fujiwara of the Toronto-based Fujiwara Dance Inventions production company.

"We used the verbs as inspiration for the movement. We eschew the nouns ... It forced us to create from different places and it gave the creative process a freshness."



This piece is one of the most challenging things I've ever done as a choreographer.

Denise Fujiwara, Fujiwara Dance Inventions

Fujiwara spent five years intermittently experimenting with the dance, scrapping ideas and playing with music, spoken-word and multimedia.

"This piece is one of the

most challenging things I've ever done as a choreographer," said Fujiwara of the 65-minute dance. "When I started, I really didn't know what it would look like, or

how it would turn out."

On the Fujiwara Dance Inventions Vimeo page, a video preview of the dance shows dancers make slow movements on the stage floor as blue letters tumble down a large projection screen. At another point, the dancers make leaps and bounds across the stage in front of colourful, flashy video images.

The performance is being

+ SHOW TIMES

Eunoia shows at 8 p.m. at the Dalhousie Arts Centre's Sir James Dunn Theatre from Thursday to Saturday. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for seniors and \$20 for students and arts workers.

presented in Halifax by Live Art Dance, a local arts presenter that often imports dance productions to the city.

Paul Caskey, executive producer for Live Art, said Eunoia is "engaging on so many levels."

"For me, it's one of those rare works where all the individual elements are so in sync with each other that they combine to create a whole that is much greater than the sum of its parts," said Caskey, who saw the premiere performance of Eunoia in Toronto two years ago.

"The audience goes on a journey, and it's really fulfilling to see that."

Live Art is one of Halifax's oldest arts institutions at 33 years old and is the only specialized dance presenter with a full season of shows in Atlantic Canada, said Caskey.

"As a specialized presenter, we have our thumb on the pulse in the here and now of contemporary dance," said Caskey.

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CAPE BRETON

Mom to present pro-dance petition to school board

The woman who started an on-line petition asking the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board to bring back middle-school dances plans to submit it to board members and staff later this week.

Stefanie White of Glace Bay said Tuesday she wasn't sure what to expect when she started the petition at www.change.org last week, but she's been pleased by the amount of support it has received.

"I kinda figured we'd get a couple hundred signatures and that I would present it to the school board and members of the school board and hopefully they would reconsider their decision," she said. "And actually it's gotten a lot more attention than I anticipated and I'm kinda

glad for that."

As of Tuesday, the petition had garnered more than 1,600 signatures and many comments from parents who disagree with the board's decision to end dances at middle schools.

White said she felt strongly enough about the issue to speak out and do something about it.

Donnie Holland, co-ordinator of school services with the board, said earlier this week that the decision to end dances for Grade 6 to Grade 8 is part of the board's move to the middle school model, which came into effect board-wide in September.

He said middle schools will still be able to host after-hours school activities, with the possibilities ranging from skating parties and game nights, to dancing lessons and more sporting events.

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I really hope they'll reconsider it.

Stefanie White



TRADITIONS SHOWCASING MI'KMAQ CULTURE Traditional dancers enter Studley gymnasium to kick off the Dalhousie Native Student Association's sixth Annual Mawio'mi on Wednesday. The annual daylong event showcases Mi'kmaq culture including a flag-raising, traditional drummers, dancers and crafters. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Pharmacy technician jailed for 'sophisticated' drug theft

A pharmacy technician in Amherst has been sent to jail for stealing and trafficking the very medication she was trusted to safeguard for a Nova Scotia hospital.

Amanda Lynn Reid, 35, was sentenced to 30 months custody after pleading guilty to drug trafficking charges, unlawful possession of narcotics, stealing narcotics from the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, possession of stolen prescriptions and forging narcotic control documents to cover her tracks.

The crimes were committed over a four-year period be-



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tween June 1, 2010, and July 30, 2014, while Reid was an employee of the Cumberland Health Authority.

"The facts reveal that her efforts were so well conceived and executed that the health

authority itself did not discover them," Justice Jeffery Hunt wrote in his decision.

"She knew the system well enough to be able to protect herself from discovery ... Ms. Reid engaged in a sophisticated plan of concealment using forged documents. This was not a spur of the moment lapse of judgment."

At the time of her arrest, police discovered hydromorphone, trazadone, lorazepam and fentanyl patches among the prescriptions in her home.

None of the drugs were prescribed to her. TC MEDIA

FORMER MP

MacKay's welcome baby girl

Twitter was buzzing Wednesday with congratulations to former Central Nova MP Peter MacKay and his wife Nazanin Afshin-Jam, who welcomed their daughter, Valentia Makaja MacKay, into their family on Tuesday night.

Reports say she weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces. They have a two-year-old son Kian.

The couple were married in

2012 and MacKay, who served as MP for Central Nova for 18 years, announced in May he would not be seeking re-election in the Oct. 19 federal election.

In a news conference attended by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, MacKay said his decision to not re-offer was because he "loved his family more" than the demanding life of politics. TC MEDIA



MacKay family photo. TWITTER

Man dies of stab wounds

NORTH SYDNEY

Police say dispute also sent second man to hospital

Multiple stabbings that took place on King Street in North Sydney early Wednesday morning have some who live close by rattled.

Yesterday, police caution tape surrounded a house with several apartment units in the midst of what is normally considered a quiet residential area.

"There's always been trouble in this place," said a neighbour who wished to remain anonymous.

"There's a lot of activity. The cops have been here. Actually, I've seen them quite a bit in the last few weeks."

The woman, who lives just off King Street, said she has a four-year-old daughter and worries about having something like this happen in her neighbourhood.

Her voice shaking she re-

ferred to a trail of blood that could be seen along King and William streets.

A second woman who lives nearby said there is more going on in the neighbourhood than people realize.

Police found a 25-year-old man with life-threatening stab wounds after responding to a report of a stabbing in the King Street area around midnight Wednesday.

Paramedics from EHS also attended the scene and transported the man to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

According to neighbours, the deceased man has three young children. His name has not been released pending notification of next of kin.

A 21-year-old man remains in hospital with non-life-threatening stab wounds, according to police.

Police confirmed the stabbings are the result of an altercation between the two men who were known to each other and that they are not looking for any additional suspects.

CAPE BRETON POST



Cape Breton Regional Police responded to stabbings just after midnight Wednesday at this house in North Sydney. TC MEDIA

IN BRIEF

Man driving tractor leads police on chase

A Cape Breton man is facing charges after he allegedly stole a tractor and led police on a chase through town.

About 11:30 p.m. Tuesday in Sydney, Cape Breton Regional Police responded to reports that a tractor had been likely stolen from Belmac Supplies.

According to a release, a witness had spotted the tractor leaving the lot late at night and called the owner of the business, who said one was indeed missing.

The tractor was spotted heading towards Ferry Street, but while police were searching that area they received another tip the tractor had driven by Open Hearth Park and towards Frederick Street.

Police stopped the tractor on Frederick Street, determined it was the one missing from Belmac Supplies, and arrested the driver.

The 31-year-old Sydney man now faces a number of charges. TC MEDIA

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VOTER PROFILE

Name: Bailey Reid **Age:** 30 **Riding:** Ottawa Vanier
Her issues: Violence against women, women in leadership roles

Wanted: Focus on women's issues



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Ottawa

One thing dominates Bailey Reid's politics: The inequality of the sexes.

"You can talk about representation in Parliament, you can talk about child care, you can talk about violence against women, but I think that it does need that deeper analysis to show these are all results of women not being equal in Canada," she says.

Reid called Stephen Harper "the most absent" from the discussion. Neither he nor his status of women minister participated in the recent leader event devoted to women's issues — which touched on child care, violence against women, and women in leadership roles.

While NDP's Thomas Mulcair and Liberal's Justin Trudeau participated, Reid found those leader's analyses missed that point. No leader has been identifying inequality as the root

cause, nor underlining the ludicrousness of segregating key issues for half the voting public under the ill-fitting "women's issues" banner — with the exception of Elizabeth May.

"Part of me wants to vote Green because I'm sick of (Elizabeth May) being ignored," Reid says. The Green leader was barred from the debates on the economy and on foreign policy, and Reid seems incredulous that a feminist reading of economic policy was missing from the other leaders' comments.

"It would be nice to see a woman taken seriously, and it does feel very, pat pat on the head, 'That's cute Miss May, but you can't come.'"

But Reid won't be voting Green, because her local candidate doesn't have good odds.

The 30-year-old's riding, Ottawa Vanier, is staunchly Liberal, and likely to remain so. Reid says her natural political home has been the Liberal Party, so she's likely

voting that way again on Oct. 19. But she admits to some waffling. She likes the NDP's strategies on violence against women and national child-care plans.

Justin Trudeau's opaque comments that misogyny is fuelled by "certain kinds of music" and absent fathers certainly didn't impress Reid. "I wish he had a really good gender adviser," she quips. But the Liberals' promise to bring gender equity to cabinet is promising, she says, and so too the promise of a missing and murdered indigenous women inquiry. Trudeau is clearly willing to talk about inequality and sexism, she adds.

And that's the least that Reid is hoping for in this election: A prime minister willing to start talking more about women.

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. She'll be in Toronto on Thursday.

'Fastest-growing industry' ignored

Tech industry is accusing leaders of poor planning



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Federal leaders must show concrete plans on how technology will feature into their vision of the country, a local tech company has said.

Just days after founders of Lighthouse Labs wrote to Stephen Harper, Justin Trudeau and Thomas Mulcair expressing the tech community's disappointment over the lack of discussion on how to boost the country's economy through technology, Liberals responded swiftly.

Justin Trudeau announced Tuesday in Winnipeg a \$900-million commitment to advance tech innovations and startup incubators.

"That's what we've been looking for from every leader," said Jeremy Shaki, co-founder of the web and mobile software development company. He described Trudeau's move as "phenomenal" but was quick to add sustainability is key.

"I'm not just asking for them to throw money everywhere, but specifically where does tech fit into their plans?" he said.

In the letter, the group had accused leaders of completely ignoring the technology industry in their discussions, and only fo-



Company critical of commitment to transform the education sector by incorporating technology in the system. GETTY IMAGES

cusing on short-term things "just to help them win certain votes, overlooking the fastest growing industry in North America."

Shaki remained critical of the leaders' commitment to transform the country's education sector by incorporating technology in the system.

"It's a shame. How are we voting on people when we have absolutely no idea how they'll be approaching these critical issues?" he said.

Groups in the tech industry have done "a phenomenal job" without much support from the government, and it's time leaders commit to promoting technological innovations, he said.

Lighthouse Labs believes most of tomorrow's job markets will require basic levels of web design

and coding. The company has taken its trainings throughout the country, helping a total of its 300 graduates to land jobs with tech companies. Its HTML500 summer series have helped over 2,500 young Canadians learn basic skills in coding for free.

"Coding as a tool is so much like math," said Shaki, adding Canada should emulate nations like the U.K. and introduce coding classes in elementary and high schools, making it a mandatory subject.

"Even if you don't become a developer, knowing to code will help you find creative, logical and critical solutions."

There needs to be a top-down approach, or at least a conversation from the top about how to grow this industry, he said.



The technology industry has been completely ignored through all debates.

Jeremy Shaki

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Tories defend TPP trade deal

CARETAKER CONVENTION

Pact ignores protocol that limits activities during election

The Conservatives are conducting negotiations toward a massive 12-country trade deal — that could well prove to be their campaign centrepiece — in secret in the middle of an election, the Liberals and NDP charged Wednesday.

As Justin Trudeau unveiled the Liberal health-care policy plank, one of the last remaining pieces of his party's platform, and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair promised to establish a parliamentary science officer to advise his would-be government, the Conservatives were answering awkward questions about the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which could be announced, in some form, as early as Friday.

Joe Oliver, in a rare national campaign appearance, defended the government's right to conduct official business during the election period.

The finance minister rejected



Federal finance minister and Conservative candidate Joe Oliver speaks during a news conference in Toronto on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

suggestions that the government's continued pursuit of the TPP is a violation of the so-called "caretaker convention," which is supposed to limit government activity during an election period. "There is a protocol in place and we of course consult with the Privy Council on these issues,"

Oliver said.

"When there's a matter of importance or urgency for the government to deal with in the national interest then it's appropriate for us to do that. And this is certainly one of those cases."

The convention also stipulates that governing parties are

expected to consult opposition parties on matters that could end up tying the hands of future governments.

Trudeau flat out said he had "not been approached by anyone in government on the Trans-Pacific Partnership."

"One of the things that we've

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE THURSDAY



- **Stephen Harper** has no public events.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Montreal.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Montreal.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Victoria, B.C.

seen over the past years with this government is an approach that has been secretive, non-transparent, that hasn't let Canadians know what it is negotiating and how it is negotiating, what is on the table," he said in Surrey, B.C.

"It would be unrealistic for us to expect that the whole world will stop and wait with bated breath for the outcome of Canada's election. But what we need to know is that our government is negotiating in a way that is going to enhance Canadian opportunities and growth while protecting our interests."

Trade Minister Ed Fast is in Atlanta for a renewed round of

negotiations, and speculation is rampant that an agreement in principle could emerge by the end of the week.

Mulcair said he is "very worried" about what Prime Minister Stephen Harper is willing to put on the table.

"I don't trust Stephen Harper as a negotiator," he said in Iqaluit. "He's not good at it. He has an ideological bent that means he doesn't care about what happens here at home.... We've been asking the prime minister to defend our supply management system in its entirety and we'll accept nothing less."

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IN BRIEF

President of COC steps down amid allegations of sexual harassment

Marcel Aubut stepped down as president of the Canadian Olympic Committee and chairman of the Canadian Olympic Foundation on Wednesday for the duration of a sexual harassment investigation.

The COC received a complaint last Friday about Aubut and has retained Francois Rolland, former Chief Justice of the Quebec Superior Court, to head up an independent investigation.

"Mr. Marcel Aubut has learned of allegations concerning remarks he allegedly made to a colleague," said Aubut in a statement.

"He has offered his unconditional support to those responsible for investigating the remarks attributed to him and setting the record straight. This is a normal process that should be completed by mid-October."

The 67-year-old from Saint-Hubert-de-Riviere-du-Loup, Que., was asked to step away from his duties for the duration of the investigation.

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CITIZENSHIP REVOCATION

Harper divisive, say opponents



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper is fostering division when he suggests that elite opinion is "completely divorced" from what ordinary people think, opposition candidates said Wednesday.

In an interview with Metro on Tuesday, Harper was asked about his past comments regarding "elites."

"It's not that elite opinion doesn't matter," he said. "Expert opinion always counts. But you cannot govern well, and you cannot govern properly, unless you understand the values and realities of ordinary Canadians."

As an example, he cited the government's law that allows them to strip people convicted of terrorism offences of their Canadian citizenship, if they have citizenship from another country.

He said the other parties' opposition to the law "is kind of elite political correctness on steroids."

However, local NDP and Liberal candidates said Harper is simply trying to divide Can-



Conservative Leader Stephen Harper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

adians with such remarks.

"Elite" is really anyone who disagrees with his ideological views," said Ottawa Centre Liberal candidate Catherine McKenna. "It could be the courts, the media, human rights organizations, often the legal community, or senior bureaucrats in the public service," she said.

Paul Dewar, the NDP incumbent in Ottawa Centre, said the Conservatives are trying to use the citizenship revocation law as a wedge issue.

He also said the Conservative government has often ignored or not sought the advice of public servants in creating certain laws.

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Pope tells Davis: 'Stay strong'

RELIGION

Secret meeting confirmed by Vatican baffles LGBT activists

Defiant Kentucky clerk Kim Davis met briefly with Pope Francis during his historic U.S. visit, an encounter she said validates her crusade against gay marriage.

"He held out his hand to her and she grasped his hand," her attorney, Mat Staver, told The Associated Press. "He asked her to pray for him and she said she would; she asked the pope to pray for her, and he said he would."

The Vatican essentially confirmed the meeting: The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, given the opportunity to deny it took place, declined to do so and said merely that he would have no comment. The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, said the meeting was private and that no photos would be released.

Davis, an Apostolic Christian, became a protagonist in



Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis said meeting the Pope with her husband has inspired her to continue to fight for her religious beliefs. TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

America's divisive culture wars when she defied the federal courts by refusing to license same-sex marriages despite the landmark Supreme Court ruling that effectively legalized them nationwide. She spent five days in jail until her deputies agreed to issue licences without her approval.

Davis and her husband met with Francis alone for less than 15 minutes at the Vatican Em-

Pope Francis needs to state clearly where he stands in regard to the inclusion of LGBT people in the church and society.

Francis DeBernardo

bassy in Washington, Staver said. He would not say who initiated the meeting with the pope or how it came to be, citing a desire to be "deferential to the Vatican."

They chose to keep the meeting a secret while the pope was in the county, to avoid overshadowing his visit with the controversy that follows Davis, Staver said.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of

Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, also referred questions back to the Vatican.

"It was really very humbling to even think that he would want to meet me or know me," Davis told ABC News. "Just knowing that the pope is on track with what we're doing and agreeing, you know, it kind of validates everything."

For some, the pope's decision to meet with a figure as divisive as Davis sullied the legacy of his celebratory visit.

DignityUSA, an advocacy group for gay and lesbian Catholics, called their meeting "deeply disappointing" and said it could transform the public perception of the trip "from a largely successful pastoral visit to the endorsement of an exclusionary political agenda."

"That Pope Francis met privately in Washington, D.C. with Kim Davis throws a wet blanket on the good will that the pontiff had garnered during his U.S. visit last week," wrote Francis DeBernardo, the executive director of New Ways Ministry, another Catholic organization that advocates for gay rights.

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ISIL INTERVENTION

Russia calls for unified combat

Russia followed its launch of airstrikes in Syria with a call on Wednesday for the world to unite in the fight against terrorist groups, and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told foreign ministers of world powers that his country was circulating a draft UN Security Council resolution to help make it happen.

Secretary of State John Kerry responded by announcing that the United States is prepared to welcome Russia actions in Syria if they are directed at the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group and al-Qaida, and promising that the U.S.-led coalition fighting ISIL in Syria would "dramatically accelerate our efforts."

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem told the council that his country strongly endorses Russia's latest moves and called airstrikes in Syria that aren't coordinated with his government a "blatant contravention" of international law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARABIAN PENINSULA

U.S. Navy seizes ship hauling illicit arms

A ship carrying illicit arms believed to be from Iran was intercepted last week off the southern Arabian Peninsula by a member of a U.S.-backed naval coalition and was not registered with any country, the U.S. Navy said Wednesday.

The description of the ship's seizure conflicted in some instances with an earlier account provided by a separate Saudi-led coalition battling Yemen's Shiite rebels, which claimed in a statement carried by the

state-run Saudi Press Agency that it had foiled the smuggling attempt.

The Saudi coalition alleged that Iran was using the vessel to ship arms to the rebels, charges denied by Tehran.

The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, based in Bahrain, said a member of the Combined Maritime Forces, a long-standing multinational coalition, intercepted the vessel in international waters last Friday.

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IN BRIEF

Uncovered monument may have been for Hephaestion

An opulent underground monument in northern Greece that caused a stir when excavated last year may have been a symbolic grave — but not the final resting place of — the closest friend and general of ancient warrior-king Alexander the Great, the excavator says. Archeologist Katerina Peristeri said Wednesday she believes the vaulted structure "was a funerary monument for Hephaestion."

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Ohio man unaware of stolen painting hanging in home

An Ohio man says he had no idea an 18th-century painting hanging in his home for over 20 years had been looted from a Polish museum by the Nazis during World War II.

John Bobb learned that history when the FBI's Cincinnati office called in July.

Bobb was told the "Portrait of a Young Man" by Krzysztof Lubieniecki had been stolen from the National Museum in Warsaw in 1944. It's been returned to Polish officials.

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MIGRANT CRISIS

Relief agencies set up camp in Greece

Relief agencies have set up a tent city at Greece's border with Macedonia to cope with the growing number of migrants trying to reach central Europe ahead of winter — with some resorting to extreme measures to complete the journey.

The facilities that have been set up over the past week have a capacity of 1,000 to serve one of the busiest bottlenecks in the country, near the Greek border town of Idomeni.

In the past 24 hours, some

4,500 people arrived at the Idomeni crossing, most of them by bus from Athens, Greek police said.

Syrian English literature student Hussam Jaban, 21, told The Associated Press he swam to a Greek island from the Turkish coast to avoid paying smugglers and keep enough money for the mainland journey through Europe.

"There were 13 of us and we all made it," Jaban said.

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INDIA

Muslim farmer beaten to death over beef-eating rumour

Indian police arrested eight people and were searching for two more Wednesday after villagers allegedly beat a Muslim farmer to death and severely injured his son upon hearing rumours that the family was eating beef — a taboo for many among India's majority Hindu population.

The mob of about 60 Hindus became incensed when a temple announced that the family had been slaughtering cows and storing the beef in their house in Bisara, a village about 45 kilo-

metres southeast of the Indian capital of New Delhi, said District Magistrate Nagendra Pratap Singh.

He said the mob dragged 52-year-old Mohammad Akhlaq and his son from their home Monday night and beat them with sticks and bricks. Akhlaq was declared dead at a nearby hospital, while

his son was being treated for serious injuries.

My brother was singled out. Why were we targeted? We don't eat beef.

Jan Mohammad Saifi, brother of Mohammad Akhlaq

within India's poor, minority Muslim community. In many

Indian states, the slaughtering of cows and selling of beef are either restricted or banned.

For Hindus, cows are worshipped as sacred, and many of the animals are often seen wandering unchecked around big-city neighbourhoods and on highways during rush hour.

Opposition lawmaker Shashi Tharoor said in a Twitter message that the "horrific killing shows this meat bigotry has gone out of control," and that Indians should be "free to eat what they want."

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Cows roam freely through the streets of India. The animal is sacred to Hindus, who form the majority of the population.

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Serving a new experience

MCDONALD'S

Rebranded ordering options to debut by 2017

McDonald's Canada CEO John Betts says lining up to pay for the same old burger will soon be a thing of the past.

The company is overhauling the way it does business, adding self-service kiosks and bringing table service and dedicated wait staff to its restaurants.

"We are kicking off a bold plan to transform what guests experience when they visit McDonald's restaurants across Canada," says Betts. "We want our guests to walk in and be wowed by an experience that's modern and personalized, but still the McDonald's they know and love."

The new kiosks will allow customers to personalize their orders as McDonald's adds a premium burger to the menu



As part of the shift, the initiative will create 15,000 jobs domestically, and will encourage continued use of food sourced from Canadian suppliers. EUGENE HOSHIKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

with nearly 30 different options including five types of cheese, 12 toppings, two buns, a lettuce wrap and nine sauces.

The company says the plan will include the creation of 15,000 new jobs across the country as it adds employees

who will greet customers and guide them through the ordering process.

Betts says most of the 1,400

“We’re innovating and evolving for the future.”

CEO John Betts

McDonald's restaurants in Canada will be changed to the new ordering format by 2017.

The company said it is also continuing its mission to provide food that tastes good, and to use quality ingredients, many of which are sourced from Canadian suppliers. Future plans for the restaurant chain will also aim to advance McDonald's sustainability and Canadian sourcing initiatives.

"We always listen to our guests, and this ambitious plan is exactly what they've asked us to do," said Betts. "We're innovating and evolving for the future, and we're excited to bring our guests along on this journey with us." METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

AUTO INDUSTRY

Ford minivans recalled

Ford is recalling nearly 59,000 older Windstar minivans in Canada as part of a wider safety notice because the fix applied in a previous recall for a rear-axle repair might not work.

The latest recall covers 342,000 vans built at the company's Oakville, Ont., plant from 1998 through 2003 sold in both Canada and the U.S.

Ford said Wednesday that the Windstars were recalled in 2010 due to axle cracks that could grow and lead to complete failure and a crash. The company says it has reports of a small number of accidents but no injuries.

Also on Wednesday, Ford said it was recalling 37,000 F-150 pickups from the 2015 model year in the U.S. and Canada to fix a problem with the adaptive cruise control system that automatically brakes the trucks to avoid a crash.

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MEDIA

Poll says 40% of young adults in U.S. pay for their news

In a world flush with free information, some young people are still willing to shell out for news they read.

A recent poll shows that 40 per cent of U.S. adults aged 18-34 pay for at least some of the news they read, whether it's a print newspaper, a digital news app or an email newsletter. Another 13 per cent don't pay themselves but rely on someone else's sub-

scription, according to the survey by Media Insight Project, a collaboration of the American Press Institute and the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Older millennials are more likely than younger ones to personally pay for news.

"Forty per cent is a strong number but that means the majority are not willing to pay," said Keith Herndon, a visiting

professor of journalism at the University of Georgia and former journalist.

"We have to think of ways of making the content compelling enough that someone would be willing to pay for it."

The proliferation of free news online and new ways for advertisers to reach consumers has besieged publishers of newspapers and magazines. Newspapers'

print ad revenue, their primary source of cash, has dropped 63 per cent, to \$16.4 billion, in 2014 from 2003, according to a Pew Research Center analysis. Daily paid newspaper circulation reached a peak in 1984, at 63.3 million, according to the Newspaper Association of America.

The survey of 1,045 young adults was conducted from Jan. 5 through Feb. 2, 2015, by the

Media Insight Project, a partnership between the AP-NORC Center and the American Press Institute, which funded the study.

The survey was conducted using online interviews done with a random sample of adults. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for subgroups.

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THOMAS WALKOM: ON THE BATTLE FOR THE LEFT

To a wide array of NDP and Liberal voters, the two opposition parties appear to be engaging in a game of mutually assured destruction.



In this election campaign, Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair have nothing kind to say about each other.

New Democratic Party leader Mulcair dismisses Trudeau as a callow youth. Echoing Conservative attack ads, his New Democrats say the 43-year-old Liberal leader just isn't ready to become prime minister.

From time to time, and again echoing the Conservatives, Mulcair dismissively refers to his Liberal rival as "Justin."

Trudeau is no less harsh. He accuses Mulcair of duplicity — of saying one thing in French and another in English. He says the NDP, by pandering to Quebec separatists, threatens national unity.

He dredges up old charges that Mulcair, a former Quebec Liberal cabinet minister, once contemplated the idea of exporting fresh water in bulk.

All of this occurs at a time when Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives are quietly edging up in the polls.

For the Liberals and New Democrats, the back-and-forth attacks make sense. Each hopes to present itself as the unique alternative to the governing Conservatives.

That in turn, they calculate, requires them to tear each other down.

There are many in the middle who would be happy to see either opposition party topple the Conservatives.

But to a wide array of Liberal and NDP voters, the two opposition parties appear to be engaging in a game of mutually assured destruction.

These so-called progressive voters desperately want Harper gone. And they are horrified by the real possibility that this war to the death between Liberals and New Democrats will split the anti-

a good economic manager has always had resonance.

Tuesday's announcement from Statistics Canada, which suggests that the brief recession suffered in mid-year is probably over, feeds into his claim.

On top of this, Harper has tapped adroitly into a subterranean anti-Muslim mood that percolates throughout the country.

This fear of Islam ex-

ences between the NDP and Liberal platforms seem relatively insignificant.

The Liberals would raise taxes on rich individuals; the NDP would raise taxes on rich corporations.

Both would spend more money on public transit and infrastructure.

Both would reduce the age for receiving Old Age Security back to 65. Both would negotiate with the provinces to increase Canada Pension Plan benefits.

The NDP would put in place a child-care plan with an eerie resemblance to one the Liberals introduced just before they were defeated (by, among others, the NDP) in 2005.

Trudeau's decision to run short-term deficits in order to boost the economy may not be in line with Mulcair's views. But it is in line with the NDP's official policy book.

Both leaders are in favour of free trade in the abstract if not always in practice. Both have taken cagey positions on the proposed east-west heavy oil pipeline.

The NDP would keep Harper's baby-bonus scheme as is. The Liberals would skew it toward the poor.

To partisan stalwarts, the chasm between the two parties is vast. To the uninitiated, the Liberals and New Democrats appear to be suffering from what Freud called the narcissism of small differences.

If Trudeau and Mulcair end up splitting the vote in a way that allows Harper to win, the two opposition leaders will have much to answer for.

Thomas Walkom is a national affairs writer for the Toronto Star.



The Liberals and NDP hold similar positions on issues from transit to taxes, but their unfriendliness towards each other is dividing left-leaning voters, writes Thomas Walkom.

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Harper vote, thus allowing the Conservatives to win power again.

Recent polls have underscored those fears.

On Tuesday, Forum Research released a poll putting the Conservatives in first place among decided voters, with 34-per-cent support. The NDP and the Liberals were significantly behind at 28 and 27 per cent respectively.

That follows an earlier Ekos poll that shows the Conservatives leading with 35 per cent support.

In fact, the possibility of a Conservative win has never been out of the question. Harper's claim to be

presses itself through support of the Conservative move to prevent Muslim women from wearing face-veils during citizenship ceremonies, as well as the government's decision to strip convicted terrorists of their Canadian citizenship.

Meanwhile the Liberals and NDP continue to slag one another.

The anti-Harper vote is not monolithic. Some NDP supporters will never vote Liberal and vice versa.

But there are many in the middle who would be happy to see either opposition party topple the Conservatives.

To these voters the differ-

metroview

Want to close the pay gap? Women need to talk more about money



Renee Sylvestre-Williams
For Metro

Let's talk about something we rarely talk about: salaries.

Two incidents have shaped what I believe about salary negotiations.

The first was when I negotiating my first salary increase. I was at an online media company and had recently taken on new responsibilities and hit some pretty impressive, measurable targets. I wanted a raise because I thought I deserved one. I made an appointment to speak with my boss.

After 30 excruciating minutes, I got a two-per-cent increase with a condescending, "You should be grateful for that." I handed in my notice three months later. I couldn't work for someone who tried to make me feel bad about asking for more money.

Canadian women make significantly lower wages than men for many reasons: A shortfall of women in senior positions, a widespread fear of asking for more and a dearth of conversations at the grassroots level.

We can help each other understand what we're worth.

To close the gap, we need to talk about money. We should talk about which companies provide the best work-life balance, which have the best perks and which offer the best pay.

Yet how many of us negotiate our salaries, or have told our friends what we make? Most don't.

According to a report released in May by the WEB Alliance of Women's Business Networks, Canadian women make an average of \$8,000 per year less than men in equivalent positions.

By discussing our salaries with our friends, we can tear down the systemic barriers that stop us from earning the same pay as men. We can help each other understand what we're worth.

And that's how you will get the support you're going to need when, not if, you ask for more money.

The second incident was when I was doing the hiring. We offered the candidate the full salary as budgeted. She asked for more. I told her we had offered her as much as we could afford. And I was so happy that she asked.

So, we need to have this conversation. I'll start. I freelance, so my income depends on how much work I get — but in my best year, I make close to \$70,000.

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Not your average chick-lit author

BOOKS

Jojo Moyes releases the sequel to 2013 bestseller

A book that wins millions of fans is a tough act to follow. And British novelist Jojo Moyes was all too aware of this as she wrote *After You*, the sequel to her New York Times bestseller *Me Before You*.

"It has been the most nerve-racking book that I've ever written," she said in an interview. "So many people feel so invested in these characters."

To say that *Me Before You* was an unexpected hit is an understatement.

When Moyes decided to write a romance between a caregiver and her depressed, paralyzed patient, her publisher was lukewarm.

"In hindsight I can understand why," Moyes says with a laugh. "A quadriplegic man who wants to die doesn't sound like the most compelling piece of fiction."

Except, of course, it was. *Me Before You* introduced the world to Louisa Clark, an endearing English everywoman. Her predictable, small-town life was blown open when she went to work for neighbour Will Traynor, a London hotshot who had been paralyzed by a traffic accident.

Their bond was intimate and powerful, but ultimately not enough to save Will from despair — and in the final



British author Jojo Moyes' latest novel *After You* hit shelves this week. HANDOUT

pages they made the journey to Dignitas in Switzerland to end his life.

Hardly your average chick-lit plot, but then Moyes has never been your average chick-lit author.

The former journalist distinguished herself early on from the cocktail-sipping masses.

Known for her wit, humour and cultural savvy, Moyes writes against the grain, sidestepping the familiar tropes of glamor-

ous jobs and syrupy soul mates.

"I have an absolute horror of being seen as somebody who just writes the handsome man who came in and swept her off her feet and everyone lives happily ever after," she says. "I'm far more interested in the messy stuff."

Me Before You catapulted Moyes out of this pink ghetto and made her a bona fide literary star.

She was reviewed by serious

publications and tapped by MGM to write the screenplay for *Me Before You*, due to hit theatres in 2016.

Most significantly for Moyes — who's had two family members require around-the-clock care — it placed her at the centre of the assisted suicide debate.

"I don't think you can hang onto a moral absolute if you are faced with the reality of that situation," she says. "The

only people who know all the answers are the people who've never been faced with the questions."

Moyes began to receive daily emails from readers around the world.

"The ones that really stand out to me are from the caregivers," she says. "They get me into the same head space as Lou, which is: you don't see the disability, you see the person that you love."

The character Lou was a lightning rod for all this emotion and people clamoured to know what happened to her. Moyes found herself wondering too.

And so *After You*, out this week, resurrects her. The novel finds Lou holed up in London, reverting back to her old ways, leading a claustrophobic life and tending bar at an Irish-themed airport pub.

"To be part of someone taking their own life would be such a huge event," says Moyes. "I needed to show that there was a cost to those sorts of decisions."

Lou belongs to a comical church basement grief group, *The Moving On Circle*, but is otherwise alone (until a surprise plot twist blows open her world once again).

"When I put myself in her shoes, I thought: What would you do? You would just be leading this very solitary existence. Because how on Earth could you justify what you've been part of to people who don't know the whole story?"

"That is one of the things that intrigues me and is probably a theme that I'll return to again and again," she says.

"How things look from the outside are not necessarily how they are."

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Sex and politics of the beach vacation

FARZANA DOCTOR

Story follows character who works at an all-inclusive resort

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Creative inspiration can strike at the oddest times.

Just ask Toronto author Farzana Doctor, who had been working on her third novel, *All Inclusive*, for several years and was feeling stuck and frustrated.

Then one night, a voice spoke to her as she was riding her bike down a steep hill.

Doctor's story follows a young woman named Ameera, who lives and works at a Mexican all-inclusive resort.

After hearing that voice speak to her, Doctor knew immediately that the missing character was Ameera's father, Azeez, who died in the 1985 Air India bombing that killed more than 300 passengers and crew.



I began to wonder about the ... inequalities that allow middle-class Canadians to enjoy these vacations

Farzana Doctor

"When I stopped my bike to take this in, I felt, 'Oh my God, I don't want to write about that,'" Doctor says.

"I also wondered, 'Can I write about it? I don't have a personal connection. I'm not a family member of one of the victims.'"

As she started researching the Air India tragedy, considered the worst terrorist act in Canadian history, Doctor realized there hasn't been much fiction published on the subject.

"I thought I could write a story from a different perspective, and add to the remembrance of this really important event," she says. "You want to address the issue with integrity — there are real family members of the victims out there."

At the heart of *All Inclusive*, published by Dundurn Press,

is Ameera's relationship with Azeez, though she never had a chance to physically meet her father, who was killed in the bombing a day after a brief tryst with her mother.

But he is a presence, as he observes her life on the resort from the afterworld.

Doctor says she has a "love-hate relationship" with all-inclusives, stemming from when she was a child.

"These are places where my family went on vacation and I got a lot of attention from my fairly busy parents," she says. "But then as I grew more politicized, I began to wonder about the social and financial inequalities that allow middle-class Canadians to enjoy these vacations where the staff are invisible and in the background."

Six years ago while vaca-

tioning at a resort, she became fascinated with one of the tour operators.

"How does she live? What is it like to work here? It's the middle of winter and I wondered what it would be like to live in a tropical place all the time, and to deal with annoying tourists," Doctor says.

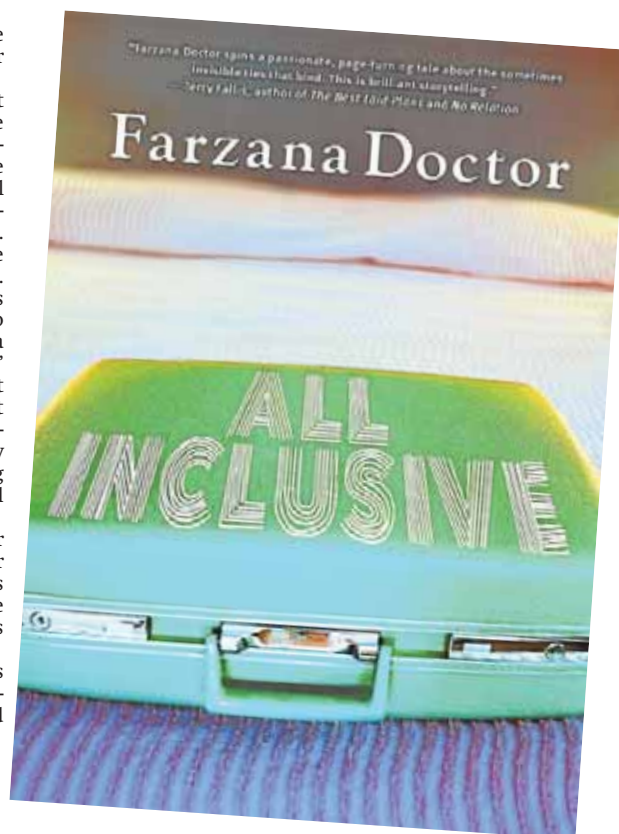
"These resorts are a bit like walled-in amusement parks. They exist within countries but they are countries unto themselves, and feel like a blank slate for writing a novel."

In *All Inclusive*, Ameera not only deals with tourists, but they're also a source of sexual pleasure, as she discreetly hooks up with vacationing couples whom she hopes she'll never see again.

"I wanted to explore her sexuality as a metaphor for her growth. I see all that as a way of her becoming more grounded in who she is," says Doctor.

"But really, the book is about a father and a daughter finding themselves and each other."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Margaret Atwood says there are no heroes in her latest novel, *The Heart Goes Last*. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CANADIAN LITERATURE

Atwood's beautiful dark twisted fantasy

Margaret Atwood is clearly having fun.

Her latest book *The Heart Goes Last*, is a romp of a book featuring sex robots, Elvis impersonators and blue teddy bears that are sure to give you nightmares for weeks to come.

And she's having a blast on Twitter, of which she's a prodigious user — she's tweeted pics of herself in Vegas on the arm of a Captain Jack impersonator.

"That's the fun bit" about social media, she says, in an interview in the airy downtown Toronto offices of Penguin Random House Canada where we're talking about the book as well as the possibilities of technology.

The Heart Goes Last began on Byliner, a "boutique" website that published literary authors online. Four episodes of the then-titled Positron series went up, but Byliner went down and the rights for the story reverted to Atwood and her Byliner editor Amy Grace Loyd suggested it become a book.

She calls it "a dark romantic comedy in which there are no heroes." But as with anything Atwood, satire ensures that even when you are having fun, you feel slightly uncomfortable.

The Heart Goes Last is a com-

ment on current politics — on unbridled capitalism, on the trend to the conservative right, on the tough economic times being faced by young people

whose employment is precarious and whose dreams of a stable job, home and family are getting tougher to attain.

It's a thoroughly modern story, yet Atwood harkens back to Victorian times and that era's novels of manners and the 1950s.

She's long had a keen interest in the history and use of prisons — what should they be used for: punishment, to pay off a debt, to reform people, to make them penitent?

"We really need to think about that because right now we have an overstuffed prison system that's full of people

who probably shouldn't be there at all and they're learning to be criminals."

This gives you a clue to what she really seems to be getting

at in the latest of her more than 40 books of poetry, non-fiction and fiction.

So the idea is: why not use the prison for good: Let's give everybody a job and a roof over their heads.

That gives birth in the book to the Positron Project — those who sign up live happily

in the town of Consilience; the only trick is they have to live in a prison every second month.

"This is a nice utopian scheme, it is a time-sharing scheme in which you play the prisoner one month and you get to be a citizen the next month."

The world of Consilience is

filled with echoes of the '50s. "They structure it to be a very calming situation."

It doesn't quite work out as a panacea to society's ills, but it does provide Atwood a way of looking at human nature — both of those who are running the joint and those who have signed up to stay inside.

While she is adamant there will be no spoilers, Atwood will say "I do think absolute power corrupts, and I do think absolute temptation is very tempting if you think that nobody has oversight or can catch you doing whatever it is you're doing."

While it might seem rather hopeless, Atwood doesn't see it that way. She's compassionate, but she doesn't let us dodge personal responsibility.

Which brings us back to the sex robots.

"With each of the technologies we develop there's a good side, a dark side and a stupid side which are the effects we hadn't anticipated. It's a Pandora's box."

"We've discovered a lot of things that could've destroyed us and we've pulled back in time," she notes.

The technology is neutral, she says. It's what we humans do with it that counts.

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Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day.

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GOSSIP BREAKUPS

Long time coming

Amanda Seyfried has apparently kicked boyfriend Justin Long to the curb after two years of dating, according to Us Weekly. "It happened a few weeks ago," a source explains. "He's really heartbroken." Earlier this year in an interview with Vogue, Seyfried both revealed how she initially fell for Long — on



Instagram, if you can believe it — and hinted that things might not be working out so well.

"I thought something he said was really funny. It was a beautiful picture of a snail, and the caption said, 'F—ing MOOOOOOOOOVE.' It made me laugh out loud, so I texted him," she explained.

But: "Making movies is two solid months of 12-, 14-hour

days. I mean, it can ruin your relationship." Apparently she wasn't just talking hypothetically. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Austin Green wants that green

Poor Brian Austin Green. Not only is he going through a divorce — amicable or not — with Megan Fox, but now everyone gets to see the documents showing him ask-



ing her for spousal support. TMZ got

its hands on the filing this week in which Green valiantly checks the "spousal or domestic partner support" box, indicating that Fox is the bigger earner of the two. Which makes sense since Green has apparently been battling vertigo and not working much since he and Fox were in a car accident last December. Bummer, man. NED EHRBAR/METRO

O Brother, There art thou

SCREENING

Clooney and Coens reunite for film's 15th anniversary

George Clooney joined the Coen brothers, and co-stars Tim Blake Nelson and John Turturro at a special 15th-anniversary screening of *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* at the New York Film Festival.

Clooney remembered he had just left a successful TV series when the opportunity came up.

"I was an actor coming off of *ER*," said Clooney Tuesday night after arriving at the event. "The Coen brothers said, 'Do you want to do a movie?' And I was like, 'Yeah, I'll do a movie with the Coen brothers, are you kidding? They do great films.' I just couldn't believe my luck."

Clooney admits he felt a geographic familiarity with the characters. "I grew up in Kentucky and I kind of know these guys a little bit," he said.

Ethan Coen and his brother, Joel, wrote the screenplay, based on *The Odyssey* by Homer, and directed it. While the film was critically



George Clooney talks with Joel Coen on the red carpet before a special 15th anniversary screening of *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* during the New York Film Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

acclaimed and enjoyed moderate success, the soundtrack was a smash hit. Produced by T Bone Burnett, it was made up of artists from the American roots music scene that included Alison Krauss, Ralph Stanley, Gillian Welch and Emmylou Harris. It sold 8 million albums and earned a Grammy Award for album of the year.

Coen loved how the music and the film unexpectedly came together, but also discussed the tricky marriage of the two.

One of biggest hits from the film, *I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow*, sung by the fictional Soggy Bottom Boys, which included Clooney, Blake-Nelson and Turturro, does not include Clooney's voice. It was actual-

ly bluegrass musician Dan Tyminski.

Clooney told reporters he originally recorded the track, but after he came out of the recording booth, producer Burnett just put his head down and looked away. Clooney said he knew at that moment his voice was getting dubbed.

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RELATIONSHIPS

Ben dumps his nanny

Ned Ehrbar

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They said it was just a phase, and apparently they were right. Ben Affleck has reportedly called off his post-divorce dalliance with his and Jennifer Garner's former nanny, Christine Ouzounian — to the rejoice of spell-checkers everywhere.

"He cut ties with her recently," a source tells Life & Style. "He told Christine he couldn't handle another relationship when things were still so painful and raw between him and Jen."



Sure, that. And maybe also because you shouldn't date the nanny? I mean, I understand the siren song of convenience and all, but come on. "He had fun with (her), but it wasn't love," the source adds, wistfully.

You know who was totally surprised by this development? Ouzounian herself, apparently, who was "blindsided" by the breakup.

"When Ben finally told Christine things were over, she was pissed," another source says. "Christine is very upset and says Ben should be worried. In her mind, this is far from over."

Oh, delightful.

VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER

Jenner off the hook

Prosecutors declined to charge Caitlyn Jenner on Wednesday in a California car crash that killed another driver, citing insufficient evidence to support a case.

Authorities said Jenner was towing an off-road vehicle on a trailer behind a Cadillac Escalade on Feb. 7 when she crashed into two cars, pushing one into oncoming traffic. Driver Kim Howe died when her Lexus was hit by a Hummer in Malibu.

"We believed from the start that a thorough and objective investigation would clear Caitlyn of any criminal wrongdoing," said Blair Berk, Jenner's attorney. "We are heartened the district attorney has agreed that even a misdemeanor charge would be inappropriate. A traffic accident, however devastating and heartbreaking when a life is lost, is not necessarily a criminal matter."

The accident occurred before Jenner announced she is transgender and transitioned into her new identity as Caitlyn. Sheriff's investigators previously determined that Jenner, 65, was travelling at an unsafe speed for the road conditions at the time and there was enough evidence to support a vehicular manslaughter charge.

The case was then referred to the district attorney's major crimes division. A prosecutor wrote in a one-page sheet declining to file charges that Jenner was travelling slightly below the posted speed limit and began braking less than two seconds before the crash.

To prove misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, prosecutors would have had to show Jenner was negligent and had violated a basic speed law.

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What's old is new again

CONDO TRENDS

A look at historic home renos and condo conversions around Canada

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada



In a popular real estate trend, former warehouses, churches and industrial buildings all across Canada are being converted into lofts and condos. In addition, a number of new condo builds are incorporating a historic podium or heritage facade, serving as the base of a brand-new tower rising above.

When done right, these venerable residential transformations make for a unique and classical living space, with vaulted ceilings, sash windows, limestone features, exposed brick and period lighting fixtures — exquisite details that you just don't find in contemporary buildings.

The former Eden House at 147 East Gate in Winnipeg was built in 1885, and has a lot of the original character to it. The century home is currently up for sale. "It's got that grand old home feel; it still has the servants' quarters," says real estate agent Tannis Engel.

Originally the Arthur F. Eden house, it's the oldest standing house in Armstrong Point. "It's right in the heart of downtown in a little pocket community along the river," says Tannis. The family has owned the property for 37 years. "It's true to its original size and shape and she (current owner Roslyn Scott) has restored it as accurately as she could."

In Edmonton, Chandos Construction Ltd. jacked-up a five-storey herit-

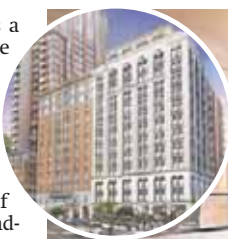


The former Eden House at Armstrong Point in Winnipeg was built in 1885, and still has a lot of its original character. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

age building, previously used as a warehouse, and built a parkade under it. No small feat under any circumstances. The Phillips Lofts at 10169-104th St. is a heritage condo conversion in Edmonton's Warehouse District.

The existing structure of the 90,000-sq.-ft. building consisted of rough-sawn timbers with a post-and-beam configuration. The Chandos design team incorporated these features to maintain the heritage of the building.

The Residences of Royal Connaught at 112 King St. E. in Hamilton, Ont., is a century-old grand hotel that has been meticulously renovated by Valery Homes and the Spallacci Group and converted into



The Residences of Royal Connaught in Hamilton.

modern condominium suites.

An exquisite art-deco lobby is the centrepiece of the heritage restoration. The grand foyer opens up to 23-foot ceilings with crystal chandeliers. Designed by KNY Architects, the completed project will include three new residential towers housing 700 condominium suites in the heart of downtown.

Valery Homes president Ted Valeri says that a project of this magnitude has many challenges. They literally saved the old hotel from the wrecking ball and brought it back to life.

"We've never done anything quite so fulfilling and satisfying," Valeri says. "It's a very rewarding feeling. The Royal Connaught is a special place to Hamiltonians."

+ A 19TH-CENTURY FACADE, A SECRET WAREHOUSE AND MORE

The Dillon Market Street 2941 Market St., Halifax

This new, eight-storey condominium building rises up from a historic facade from the 1800s. The development by Mosaik Properties is located at Market and Sackville. Built in 1860, the original structure housed a market on the main floor, run by the Dillon family. Dillon's Corner became a lively hub of commerce and the area became known as Market Street.



The Dillon Market Street condos.

Legendary Warehouse Lofts 1920 Bank St., Ottawa

Legendary Warehouse is a new condominium residence by Linden Developments with 10 storeys and 116 units. Legend has it that the building was a secret warehouse in Ottawa's south side, used to store kegs of whiskey. Currently under construction, the authentic loft-style condo spaces are industrially inspired, with a natural stone and wood lobby. The suites offer a live-work environment.

Imperial Lofts 220 11th Ave. SE, Calgary

With towering 13-foot ceilings and an open floor plan, these authentic lofts boast exposed brick walls and a concrete framework, with downtown views through industrial-sized windows. Built in 1929 to house the Imperial Tobacco Company, the vintage building was converted to condos in 1995.

The First Baptist Church 969 Burrard St., Vancouver

Plans are underway in downtown Vancouver to build a 56-storey condominium tower behind the historic First Baptist Church. If approved, the lands of the Gothic-styled church at Burrard and Nelson are about to undergo a major redevelopment in a collaboration with Westbank Corp. and Bing Thom Architects that will include a condominium and community gardens.

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BATH MATS TO ADD SOME STYLE TO YOUR BATHROOM TILE

You may not be able to renovate your bathroom into a luxury spa, but you can sure as heck add some whimsy. Here are six fabulous bath mats to help absorb your drips.

Karl Lohnes
For Metro Canada



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Empower yourself every morning. \$42, UrbanOutfitters.com

2 Lacoste Memory Foam Bath Mat

Show them your luxurious preppy side. \$50, TheBay.com

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Invite this majestic sea creature into your bathroom for a whale of a time. \$58, Anthropologie.com

4 Microdry Memory Foam #WASH Bath Mat

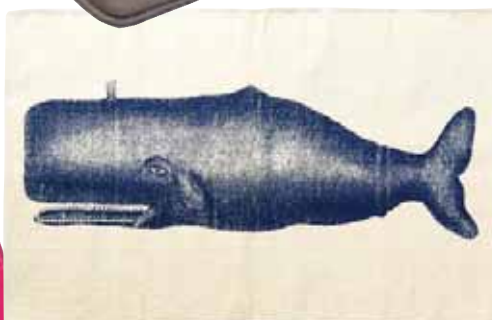
Hashtag your bath time for guaranteed popularity. \$15, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

5 Marine Anchor Bath Mat

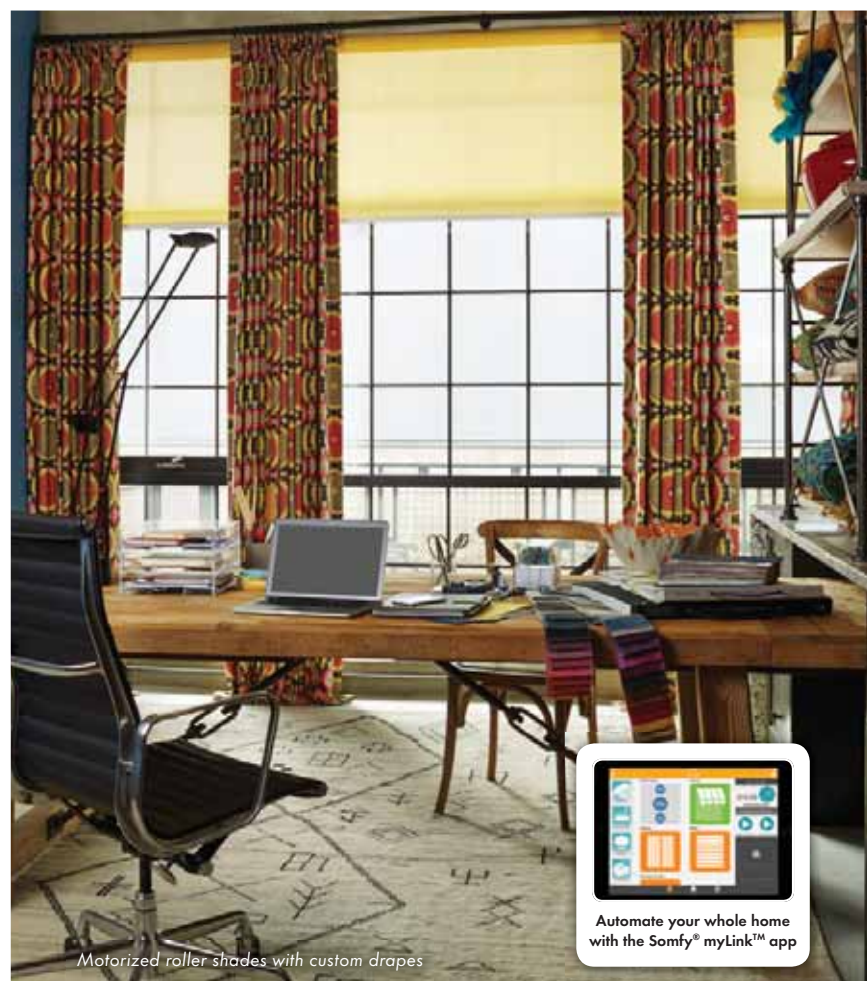
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The mistakes homebuyers make

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First-time homebuyers can end up investing in a nightmare

Analyse Smart For Metro

Buying a home can be one of the most rewarding decisions you'll make, but make the wrong moves, and you could end up investing in a costly nightmare.

Mike Stewart, a Vancouver-based Realtor®, shares some of the most common mistakes he sees with first-time home buyers.

Not speaking to a lender or mortgage broker first

Stewart says most people wouldn't go shopping without knowing how much money they have in the bank or available credit on their cards, and the same should apply when shopping for a home.

"A lot of first-time homebuyers get out there and say, 'OK, great, my mom says I can get a



Research the real estate agent beforehand so you know there's expertise behind that firm handshake. SHUTTERSTOCK

loan for \$700,000. Let's go find a place," he says. "And then they spend all their time, all their family's time, all their Realtor's time, get an accepted

offer on a property and after a huge big hassle it turns out they can only afford \$200,000."

Talking to a mortgage broker first, he says, will let you know

exactly what you're working with.

Not hiring a Realtor

Stewart says you should always

get a Realtor, who will prevent you from making mistakes like overpaying. "Hiring someone who knows what they're doing and you don't have to pay

them — that's worth its weight in gold," he says.

You should also make sure to research the people you will be hiring beforehand.

"The Internet is the most powerful system for doing due diligence on professionals that exists," he says. "If there's nothing on this person, they're probably not very experienced. If there's tons of stuff on this person and it's all positive, chances are you want to work with them. If it says Joe Realtor is a scumbag and he ripped me off, then you don't want to work with that person."

Not getting a home inspection

Getting a home inspection saves you from learning unpleasant truths about your home later. Stewart lists some of the possibilities that may await you should you not heed this advice.

"You buy a house with asbestos, you buy a house with mold, you buy a house that's been renovated without permits and you can't get insurance on it — if you can't get insurance, you can't get a mortgage," he says. "Basically, getting a home inspection will help you avoid buying a money pit."

Flipping versus buying

Real Estate is one of the smartest investments you can make. The long-term trend in Canada is that the value is almost certain to go up — but if you are looking for a quick turnaround, flipping may or may not be right for you.

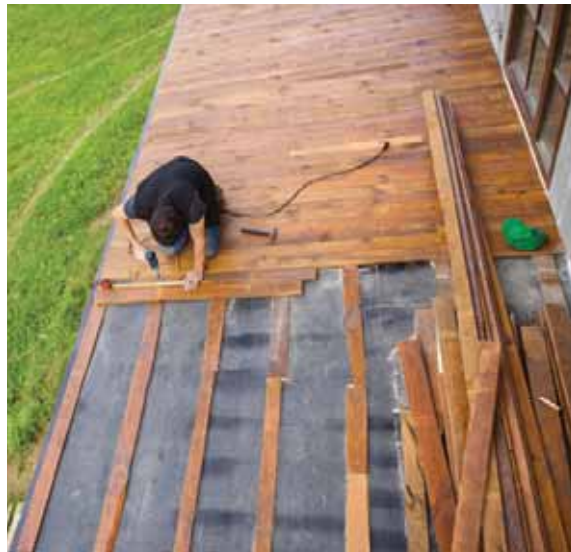
John Stassen, a designer, contractor, renovator and former host of HGTV's The Big Flip, says buying with the intention of flipping versus a longer-term investment will call for different strategies.

When choosing a home to live in, buyers might be OK with paying a little above market value and won't want major renovations as it is just too disruptive.

Those looking to flip, however, are playing by a different set of rules.

"You're looking for the worst home on the best street, and you can't be afraid of walking away from a deal if the competition drives the price up beyond what your calculations show you can purchase it for," he says. "The most common mistakes made are underestimating the cost of the renovations and overpaying for a property you have chosen as a flip."

Stassen says you also need



You need a lot of working capital for flips. SHUTTERSTOCK

a lot more working capital for flips, with projects he's worked on ranging from under \$30,000 to more than \$180,000.

"You will definitely need access to extra cash and/or reasonable rate financing when taking on a project," he says. "While flipping you can go months

before seeing your profit on a project and you can't be left struggling to pay your own bills."

Choosing the "right" neighbourhood also becomes more important.

"The joke we had was if the area already has a Starbucks in it you'd missed the boat for flip-

FROM A BROKER

Lina Porretta, a broker with Forest Hill Real Estate in Toronto, says getting financing to flip a home is not as easy as it would be for your home. "Getting a mortgage for a second property isn't as easy as borrowing for your primary residence," she says. "If you aren't able to secure traditional financing, third party lenders charge premiums." Your taxes may also be different, so Porretta advises speaking with your accountant to understand the tax implications of your purchase.

ping," he says. "The key is to find areas that are just beginning to gain popularity."

Stassen says combining traditional home purchasing and flipping can be a great strategy. "If you can afford it the approach of buying a property while residing elsewhere, renovating it then moving in for a year or more before selling can provide the best of both worlds," he says.

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THE HOOD

How to pick the right location

Location, location, location is the home-hunter's maxim, so how to choose?

Real estate professionals say that what makes something the "right" neighbourhood is as much a personal preference as it is an intrinsic rule.

Ramin Khaze, a sales representative with Forest Hill Real Estate Inc. Brokerage in Toronto, says his advice for choosing the right neighbourhood is the same he would give about choosing the right house.

"They need to keep in mind that there is no perfect neighbourhood just like there is no perfect house," he says. "No matter where you end up you will have to sacrifice something, whether it is the commute to work or a school district for kids, or access to public transportation."

Khaze says homebuyers need to make a list of what they want, with considera-

tions that include everything from budget, to whether they want a new home or an older one, right down to how many bathrooms are needed and what kind of finishes are desired.

Ideally you want to strike the right balance between the home you want and the neighbourhood you want, Khaze says.

"Some clients prefer to sacrifice size and living space to be more in the action Other clients would compromise the neighbourhood to have a house where they get what they want in size, bedrooms, land and such," he says. "It goes back what is important to you in a neighbourhood versus what is important to you in a house."

As for concerns about weighing budget against the desire to live in a particular neighbourhood, Khaze says buyers shouldn't stretch themselves too thin.

"I always tell clients to think with their heads and not their hearts, he says. "They may fall in love with a neighbourhood, but they may not end up enjoying it because they have stretched themselves so much financially they can't go out and enjoy it. You want to be comfortable in your new home and new area." **ANALISE SMART/FOR METRO**



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SPORTS

Toronto clinched its fifth AL East title on Sept. 27, 1993

Thursday, October 1, 2015



The Blue Jays clinched the AL East — their first division title in 22 years — on Wednesday. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

+ TIMELINE

The Blue Jays' journey to winning the division title began a year ago. Here are some pivotal moments within that span:

Nov. 1, 2014 — The Jays trade longtime first baseman/designated hitter Adam Lind to the Milwaukee Brewers for right-handed pitcher Marco Estrada.

Nov. 18, 2014 — The Jays sign three-time all-star catcher Russell Martin, a native of Toronto.

Nov. 28, 2014 — The Jays trade Canadian third baseman Brett Lawrie and prospects to the Oakland Athletics for third baseman Josh Donaldson.

July 12, 2015 — Toronto goes into the all-star break 45-46.

July 28, 2015 — In a blockbuster deal with the Colorado Rockies, the Blue Jays get shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins.

July 30, 2015 — The trade bonanza hits its apex as the Blue Jays acquire pending free-agent ace David Price from the Detroit Tigers.

Aug. 12, 2015 — The 10th victory of an 11-game winning streak, coupled with a Yankees loss, puts the Blue Jays in first place in the AL East by a half-game.

Aug. 23, 2015 — A rout of the Angels wraps up a three-game sweep in Anaheim as the Blue Jays get back into first place.

Sept. 30, 2015 — Jays beat Orioles 15-2 to clinch AL East title.

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Party begins fashionably late in Baltimore

Buckets of champagne were ready, just sitting in the visiting clubhouse at Camden Yards. The Toronto Blue Jays celebrated clinching the American League East on the field but had to wait to complete a doubleheader before popping bottles.

The franchise waited 22 years for this. What were another few hours?

Two months of spectacular baseball culminated in a 15-2

route of the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday afternoon, ending decades of frustration for fans and rewarding the Blue Jays' organization for a remarkable turnaround.

"I wake up every day with a huge grin on my face. I wake up every day and it doesn't feel real," pitcher Marcus Stroman said. "Taking the field every day with Josh Donaldson, Troy Tulowitzki, David Price, Mark Buehrle, it's nuts to me."

The Blue Jays, who fell 8-1 in the second game of the doubleheader, were nuts to watch for much of the season but more specifically since July 29, when Tulowitzki joined the lineup amid a flurry of bountiful dead-

line trades. They've gone 42-15 since, surging past the New York Yankees before finally wrapping up the division in the first game of a doubleheader against the Orioles.

The pennant is Toronto's first since 1993, when it won its second of back-to-back World Series titles. It assures the Blue Jays a spot in the five-game AL Division Series rather than the uncertainty of a one-game wild-card playoff, which they had already clinched last weekend.

"It's been a really long time since this city has been to the playoffs, so to do it for the city of Toronto and to do it with this group of guys, it's been a dream come true," Stroman said.

In late July, any kind of post-season appearance would have been welcomed, before general manager Alex Anthopoulos went all-in.

"We didn't even look that far. We just said, 'Look, we're a game or two out of a wild-card spot, we feel like we have a really good team that's underachieved to this point,'" Anthopoulos said. "We thought we had a shot, no

doubt about it."

Those moves worked like a charm, making the Blue Jays' 50-51 record in late July feel like a distant memory. Winning the division seemed inevitable in recent days as the Yankees struggled and the Blue Jays kept rolling.

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I think home field (advantage) for us with the environment that we have now at that stadium ... We'd love to get it.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos



Halifax's new professional basketball coach, Hugo Lopez.

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NBL CANADA

Team without a name appoints coach



Kristen Lipscombe
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Halifax's professional basketball team has a bench boss.

Hugo Lopez of Spain, who most recently served as head coach of Montakit Fuenlabrada in the Liga ACB, will be taking the reins starting this coming 2015-16 season, the Halifax Professional Basketball Club announced Wednesday.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to be the

first coach of Halifax's new NBL Canada team," Lopez said in a news release.

"I hope basketball fans in Halifax will be excited to watch a team playing with passion, enthusiasm and a lot of energy."

A group of 25 local business leaders, including lead investor Don Mills of Corporate Research Associates, announced last month that a new NBL Canada club will be replacing the Halifax Rainmen.

The Rainmen, owned by Andre Levinston, went

bankrupt in July following a controversial championship series and seven years in operation. Levinston is serving as the yet-to-be-named new team's general manager of basketball operations.

"We will be launching Halifax's new team name and logo, along with our season ticket campaign, once the league schedule is finalized in the next couple of weeks," Mills said in the news release.

Lopez has more than a decade and a half of professional coaching experience, includ-

ing six seasons in the Liga ACB, or Liga Endesa, some of the best basketball in Europe.

He served as assistant coach of Real Madrid from 2011-14, helping the team to the Spanish King's Cup during the 2011-12 season, and to the Spanish Supercup and Liga ACB championships during the 2012-13 season, the release said.

Halifax's new team will take to the Scotiabank Centre court when the league's newly structured season starts this December.

RECIPE Mushroom Barley Soup



PHOTO: MAMA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Whip up a pot of this simple, earthy soup and have leftovers for lunch the next day.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Serves 6

- Ingredients**
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 2 or 3 cloves of garlic, minced
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 2 medium carrots, peeled, diced
 - 2 stalks of celery diced
 - 1 lb of cremini mushrooms, brushed clean and sliced
 - 2 Tbsp fresh thyme (less if using dried)

- 3/4 cup of pearl barley
- 5 cups of stock (vegetable, chicken or beef all work)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven warm up the olive oil over medium heat. Add your vegetables and thyme and allow to soften for about 3 to 5 minutes.
2. Add the barley and give it a good stir to coat it. Now pour the stock over and allow soup to simmer for about 20 minutes until the barley is tender but still chewy. Taste to check seasoning.

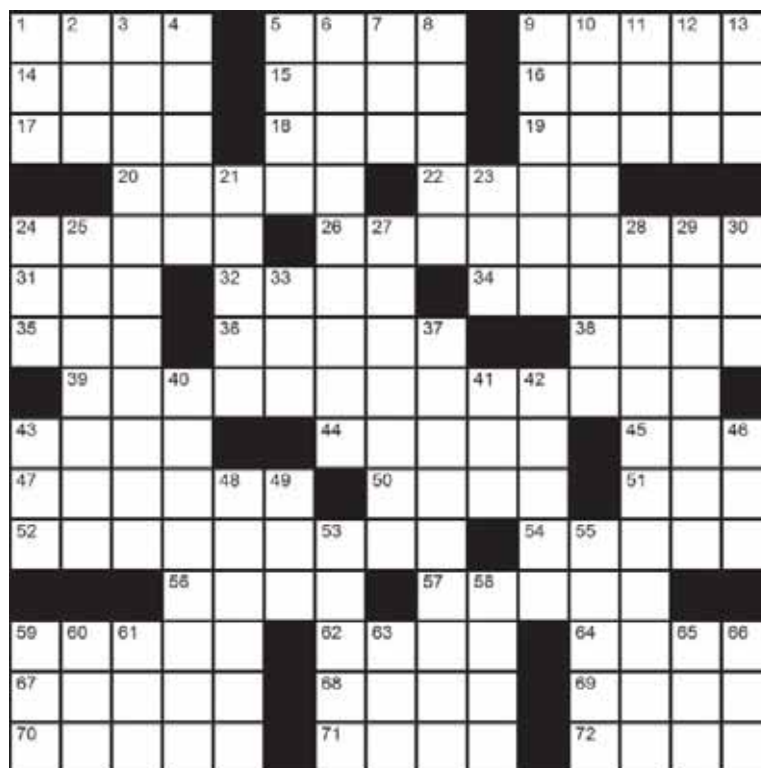
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ACROSS

1. Icelandic myth story
5. Frolic
9. Sunday song
14. Momentarily
15. Iris spot in the eye
16. Western movie
17. Saloon slurp
18. Darned
19. Small song-birds
20. More kind
22. Art for #23-Down
24. Tim Hortons
26. Car trunk item: 2 wds.
31. So far
32. University for 2016 Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton
34. TV teasers
35. Spring month, briefly
36. Ironed pants line
38. Canadian composer Mr. MacDermot
39. Moose Jaw's nickname: 2 wds.
43. Nickname of Montreal's 1976 Summer Games stadium: wd. + letter
44. Kangaroo jacket feature
45. Passports, e.g.
47. Nose, slang-style
50. Expanse
51. Mesh
52. Launches an attack on the castle
54. Like linen-



56. Old currency
57. Harped on
59. Ancient language
62. Pad __ (Noodle dish)
64. Farm sound effect
67. Aristocracy

68. Dog playthings
69. Bygone time
70. Carries out the commands
71. Highlands tongue
72. Forensic IDs

DOWN

1. Twisty turn

2. __ Jones Industrial Average
3. "___": Hit by #9-Down that continues "...on the wrong side of town!"
4. Rolling Stones classic
5. Sly tactic
6. Don't respond to

7. Kitten cry
8. "Kung Fu __" (2008)
9. As per #3-Down... The __ Blues (Band from Vancouver)
10. __ Springs (New York state race-track locale)

11. Corroded
12. Mr. Kravitz, for short
13. Simon & Garfunkel's "___ Robinson"
21. Creepy chamber
23. Alsatian artist Jean
24. __ landslide
25. Painting like the real painting
27. Fall fashion classic: 2 wds.
28. Cloud of creativity
29. Contacts index on a classic office desk
30. "C__ la vie!"
33. "___ My Children"
37. Week parts each week
40. Relationship to the keynote in music
41. Frost
42. Fray
43. Graduate's degree, e.g.
46. Swine spot
48. Supposes
49. Switzerland's largest city [abbr.]
53. Frothy-topped hot beverage
55. Andrew Webber link
58. Smart
59. Horseshoe roarer
60. Vatican vestment
61. Affiliation
63. Vertical opp.
65. Firearms org. in The States
66. "Star Trek: Voyager" role

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your imagination is so powerful there is a danger you could let your fears get out of hand. There are two ways to deal with your current dilemma: either do something about it or act as if it does not exist.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Someone will go out of their way for you today, which makes you suspicious. What are they after? What's in it for them? The question you should be asking is: why can't I just accept that some people are nice by nature?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
What occurs today will help you see things in perspective. It will also remind you that life is too short to waste on things that don't matter.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may be under the impression that you can say anything to anyone and get away with it but don't be so sure. You seem to be under divine protection but it could rapidly be withdrawn.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You ought to make it up to someone you've been neglecting. That's fine but don't be too generous — what others want most is your attention, they don't care about cash.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will be hugely responsive to other people's moods but you need to take care that their negative feelings don't start having a negative effect on you. Erect an emotional wall.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Some things are best left in the realms of fantasy. Having a dream is one thing but what if, when it comes true, you find it is really a nightmare? Stick to reality, it's safer.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You won't lack for compassion today but you may lack for common sense. Don't let others fool you into thinking that you are doing the right thing, when in fact the real right thing is to leave well alone.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try to impress, especially people who can help with your ambitions, but don't go too far and claim you can deliver results that are really way beyond you. Even a Sag has limits.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let rivals undermine your confidence today, especially on the work front where a setback has already put a dent in your morale. You will soon be moving up again.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to let others know too much about what you are doing. Knowledge is power and the more knowledge you give away the less power you have for yourself.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Relationships will generally go well today but be wary of anyone whose attitude towards you goes from one extreme to the other in a matter of minutes. It could be they are trying to confuse you for their own benefit.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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